

ITEM #8

Affordable Housing & Sustainable Communities Program Updates

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Council Updates

- Overview of Proposed Changes in 2016-17 AHSC Draft Guidelines
- Guidelines Process
- Discussion: Regional Funding



AHSC Program Vision

To fund projects that result in:

- the reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and vehicle miles traveled (VMT) and
- increased accessibility of housing, employment centers and key destinations through low-carbon transportation options such as walking, biking and transit.
- Sixty projects totaling over \$440 Million of investments funded across the state in first two rounds.



2016-17 AHSC Guidelines Update Public Input Process

- Lessons Learned Workshops (December 2016)
 - Held in Long Beach, Oakland, Merced, and on the web
 - Received comment letters from over 20 organizations
- Public Input on Draft Guidelines (April 2017)
 - Guideline Workshops: Held in Sacramento, San Jose, Los Angeles (with videoconference option), and on the web
 - Public comments due Friday April 14th

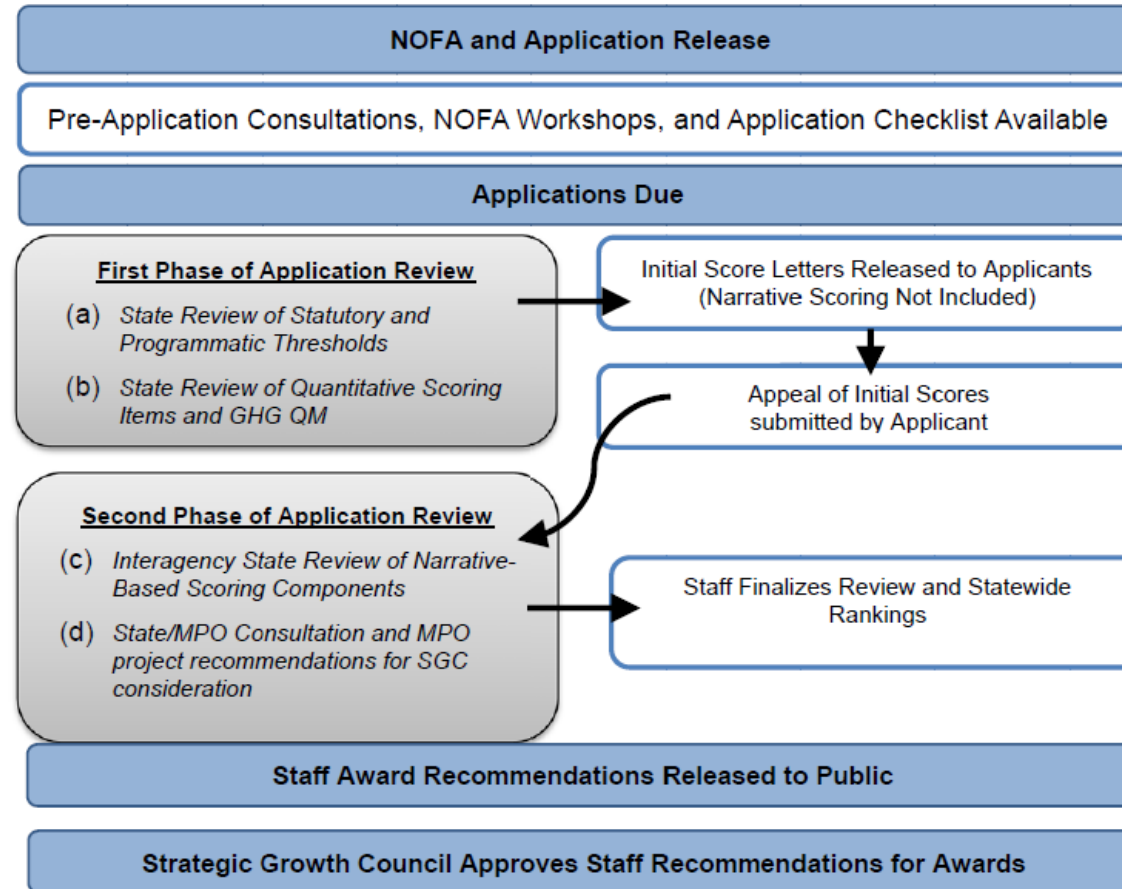


Key Updates: AHSC 2016-2017 Draft Guidelines

- More succinct guidelines
- Revised application process and removal of applicant barriers
- Thresholds: Providing clarity on what makes a competitive application
- Refinement of Scoring Criteria



Revised Application Process



Addressing Barriers to Applicants

- Joint and Several Liability Concerns
 - Removal of Joint Application scoring component
- Transportation Project Barriers
 - Revised environmental clearance requirements for transportation projects
- Indian Tribe Eligibility
 - Federally Recognized Tribes now eligible



New Minimum Requirements

- Requires
 - Local Housing Element Compliance
 - Urban Greening Component
 - Transit Passes for Residents
 - Implementation of “Smoke Free” Buildings
 - Adequate Lighting for Public Spaces
- Sets thresholds for:
 - Required Depth of Affordability
 - Enforceable Funding Commitments/Leverage
- AHSC will not fund Parking



Changes to Scoring Categories and Criteria

1. GHG Quantification Methodology Scoring
2. Quantitative Policy Scoring
3. Narrative-Based Policy Scoring

AHSC Scoring Elements and Criteria	
Criteria	Points
GHG Quantification Methodology Scoring	
GHG Efficiency	15
GHG Total	15
Quantitative Policy Scoring	
Active Transportation Improvements	10
Green Buildings and Renewable Energy	10
Housing and Transportation Collaboration	10
Location Efficiency and Access to Destinations	5
Funds Leveraged	3
Programs	2
Anti-Displacement Strategies	4
Local Workforce Development and Hiring Practices	2
Housing Affordability	4
Narrative-Based Policy Scoring	
Collaboration & Planning	7
Community Benefit & Engagement	7
Creating Sustainable Communities	6
Total Scoring	100



Continuing Conversations

- Incorporation of CalEnviroScreen 3.0 and AB 1550 requirements
- Age-Restricted Units: Greenhouse Gas Emissions calculations represented by Retirement Community designation in CalEEMod
- Regional Participation and Funding Goals



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Council Discussion: Regional Funding Goals

- October 2016: Council directed staff to explore options for regional funding levels
 - Stronger role for MPOs to prioritize projects and achieve SB 375 goals
 - Opportunity to align AHSC criteria with performance measures in Regional Transportation Planning Guidelines
 - Opportunity to improve geographic distribution
- Deliberative options for discussion, not recommendations



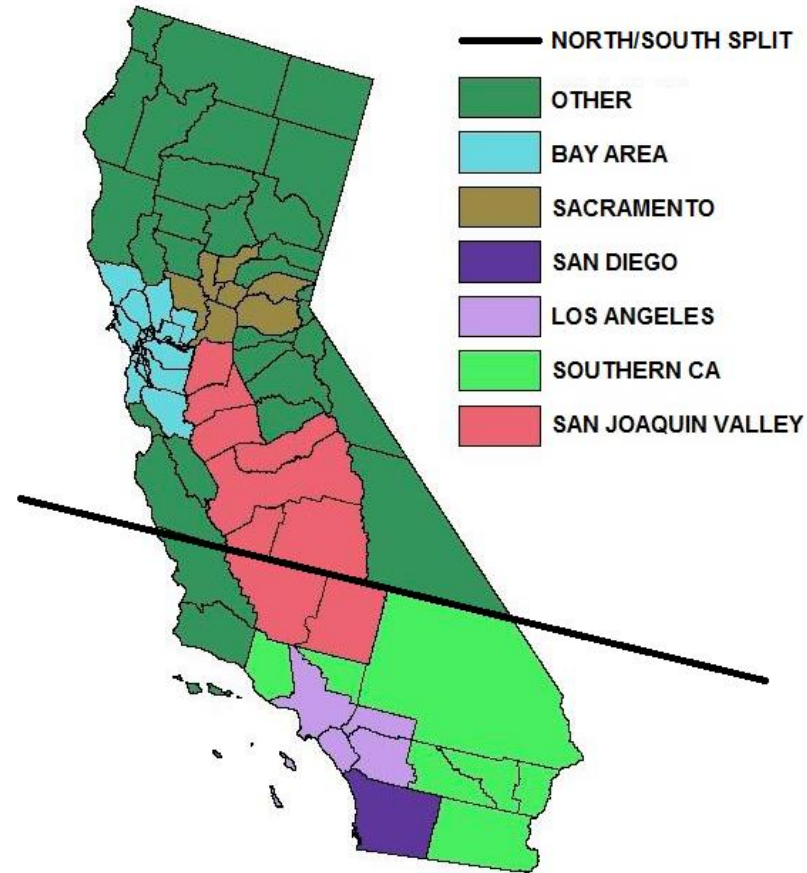
Discussion: Regional Funding Goals

- **Option 1:** Council continues to be mindful of statewide funding distribution in AHSC project selection decisions without specific regional goals.
- **Option 2:** Council would consider regional population-based (using 2010 Census Population Data) funding goals for the AHSC 16-17 Funds. Discretionary funds (20%) would be allocated to help regions meet funding goals based on one of the following population breakdowns:
 - **Option 2A:** North/South - 40%/60% Split
 - **Option 2B:** Seven Mega Regions- Based on ARB's Vision 2.0 Mega Regions
 - Bay Area, Los Angeles (South Coast Air Basin), Southern California, San Diego, Sacramento, San Joaquin Valley, Other



For Discussion: Options for Regional Funding Goals

AHSC Regional Funding Goals Concept Map



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